BY THE

LORD LIEUTENANT

AND

COUNCIL.

JO: BERKELEY.

WHEREAS by the antient Laws and Statutes of this Realm, great and heavy penalties are Inflicted upon all such as shall be found to be Spreaders of false News, or Promoters of any Malicious Slanders and Calumnies in their ordinary and common Discourses. Notwithstanding all which Laws and Statutes, there have been of late more bold and Licentious Discourses then formerly; and men have assumed to themselves a Liberty, not only in Coffee-houses, but in other Places and Meetings, both publick and private, to censure and defame the Proceedings of State, by speaking evil of things they understand not; and endeavouring to create and nourish an universal jealousie and Dissatisfaction in the minds of all His Majesties good Subjects: Wee the Lord Lieutenant and Council considering that Offences of this nature, cannot proceed from want or Ignorance of Laws to Restrain and Punnish them, but must

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of neceſſity proceed from the rebels malice of ſome, whoſe Seditious ends and aims are already too well known, or from the careleſs demeanour of others who preſume too much upon His Majeſties accuſtomed Clemency and Goodneſs, have thought fit by this Our Proclamation to forewarn, and ſtraitly command all His Majeſties Subjects, of what ſtate or condition ſoever they be, from the higheſt to the loweſt, that they preſume not henceforth by writing or ſpeaking, to declare or publiſh any falſe News or Reports, or to intermeddle with the Affairs of State and Government or with the perſons of any His Majeſties Councellors or Miniſters, in their common and ordinary diſcourſes, as they will anſwer the contrary at their utmoſt perils. And becauſe all bold and irreverent ſpeeches touching matters of this high nature are Punniſhable, not only in the ſpeakers, but in the hearers alſo, unleſs they do ſpeedily reveal the ſame unto ſome of His Majeſties Privy Council, or ſome other His Majeſties Judges or Juſtices of the Peace, therefore that all men may be left without excuſe, who ſhall not hereafter contain themſelves within that modeſt and dutiful regard which becomes them We do further declare, that we will proceed with all ſeverity againſt all manner of perſons who ſhall uſe any bold or unlawful ſpeeches of this nature, or be preſent at any Coffee-houſe, or other publick or Private meeting where ſuch ſpeeches are uſed without revealing the ſame in due time, we being reſolved to ſuppreſs this unlawful and undutiful kind of diſcourſe by a moſt ſtrict and exemplary puniſhment of all ſuch offenders as ſhall be hereafter diſcovered.

Given at the Council Chamber in *Dublin* the *9th* day of *July* 1672.

Ja: Armachanus. Mich Dublin *Canc.* O: Bryen. Art. Forbeſe.
Ro: Booth. J: Temple. Paul Davys. H. Ingoldsby Char: Meredyth.

God Save the King.

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